

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 11-17, 19-22, 26, 28-30, 32, 33, 35 and 36 are pending, with Claims 1 and 19-21 amended and Claim 18 cancelled by the present amendment.

In the Official Action, Claims 1-5, 11-21, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; and Claims 22, 26 and 28 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 1 and 19-21 are amended in a manner similar to the manner suggested in the Official Action. No new matter is added. Thus, no new issues are presented, and entry of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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